

John H. Chafee at Pettaquamscutt Cove

National Wildlife Refuge

Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex

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John H. Chafee National Wildlife
Refuge at Pettaquamscutt Cove is one
of five national wildlife refuges in the
Rhode Island Complex.

Purpose

John H. Chafee National Wildlife
Refuge was established to protect and
enhance populations of black duck and
other waterfowl, to provide for con-
servation and management of fish and
wildlife; to fulfill international treaty
obligations respecting fish and wildlife,
and to provide opportunities for scien-
tific research, environmental education,
and fish and wildlife-oriented recre-
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Public Use Notes

- Open to fishing
- Spectacular birding from canoe or kayak

Management Activities

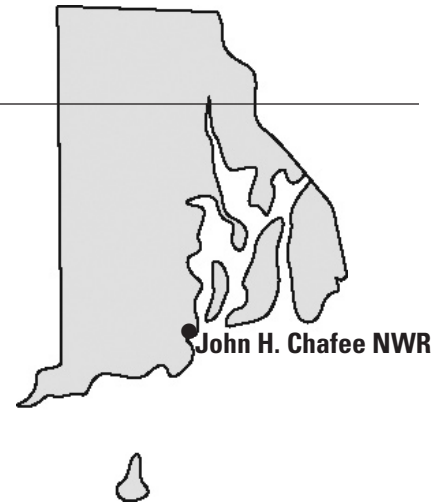
- Comprehensive Conservation Plan completed in spring 2002
- Land protection plan targets 1,200 acres for land acquisition
- Provide cooperative assistance to other landowners for grassland and shrubland restoration
- Protecting the threatened piping plover on cooperators' lands
- New complex-wide \$2.6 million office and visitor center building in Charlestown scheduled to open in 2004

Highlights

The refuge enjoys strong partnerships with non-government organizations.

The refuge works with non-government organizations to support watershed-wide environmental education activities.

A land exchange with the town of Narragansett to allow bike path completion will add 10.5 acres to the refuge in 2004.



Issues

High cost of land acquisition

Reducing the spread of invasive species

Recommendation for adopting no-wake zones in the lower Narrow River to protect salt marsh habitats

Small, isolated parcels make management difficult

Managing inappropriate public uses

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